

Dear Co-Chairs Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Ranking Members Senator Berthel, Representative Nuccio, and members of the Appropriations Committee:

I support adding adequate funding in H.B. No. 6659 for the Early Voting initiative.

Voters approved Early Voting in the election last November, and I look forward to this year's legislature determining its parameters. Please include in those parameters enough funding to demonstrate that the state is in full support of the choice of the voters. We should not require towns to pick up the costs of a state mandate.

With Early Voting, voters can more easily participate in the decisions that affect their lives. It provides more flexibility for working people, especially working parents. People who do not drive have more opportunity to find rides to the polling locations.

I hope the Legislature adds funding to the Early Voting program so it can be implemented safely and responsibly throughout Connecticut.

Thank you for taking leadership in supporting the Early Voting initiative.

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